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13 July 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Report of the NSAM 156 Ad Hoc Committee

On 8 July, I met with Dr. Flax to discuss his reaction to the draft report of the NSAM 156 Ad Hoc Committee dated 7 July 1966. Mr. Reber and I had already briefed him on numerous editorial changes which had been made at the meeting on 6 July.

It was Dr. Flax's feeling that Recommendation 6(a) would be improved by eliminating the last 4 lines.

I got in touch with Mr. Garthoff on the evening of 8 July, and passed this recommendation to him. He felt that he would have trouble getting Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson's concurrence on this change. After consultation with Ambassador Johnson, he proposed deleting "and could improve security" and prefacing the final sentence with a statement such as "one of the considerations is the fact that..."

I relayed this information to Dr. Flax, who concurred with the proposal. He stated, however, that he would still send a memorandum to Mr. Johnson, recommending, for the record, the deletion of the last 4-1/2 lines of Recommendation 6(a).

On 11 July, I called Mr. Garthoff to ask if there would be a committee meeting that day. He said that he could not be sure as of that time; he had received a number of proposed revisions to the 7 July draft from the CIA. These were as follows:

1. Delete most of paragraph 11.

2. Reword Recommendation (1) to include language saying that one would "carefully consider any possible impingement on the security of the NRP prior to authorizing earth sensing activities by NASA."

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3. Move the last sentence of paragraph 4 up to paragraph 1.

4. Change paragraph 7 to read in its first sentence that "the DCI in consultation with the DNRO should review..."

Later in the morning, Mr. Garthoff's secretary called to advise there would be no meeting that day and that afternoon Mr. Garthoff called to state that he had an acceptable final draft.

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